GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE VOLUME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which India;s trade has increased during the last financial year alongwith the percentage thereof;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase it further during this year as well as to increase our trade with other countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and its outcome; and

(d) the countries with which our trade percentage has declined during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) India`s export to its major trading partners registered a robust growth in 2002-03 as compared to the previous year. The list of countries with which India`s exports has increased during the last financial year along with the percentage share is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. In order to significantly enhance India`s trade with new regions, `Focus LAC` Programme and `Focus Africa` Programme were launched in 1997 and 2002, respectively. `Focus CIS` programme was launched this year to enhance trade with the countries of this region. Steps are being taken regularly to increase our trade with the different trading partners and important issues related to trade are sorted out during the Joint Business Council meetings.

(d) Egypt, Nigeria, Russia, Switzerland, Argentina and Malaysia are some of the countries to which our exports have declined along with a decline in share in India`s total exports in 2002-03 as compared to the previous year.

ANNEXURE-I

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DIVISION

INDIA`S EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.
US $ Million

COUNTRIES	APRIL-MARCH 2001-2002	PERCENTAGE Weight	APRIL-MARCH 2002-2003	Growth	PERCENTAGE Weight
Brazil	219.01	0.50	479.02	118.72	0.92
China P.R.	951.95	2.17	1961.11	106.01	3.75
Luxembourg	4.47	0.01	9.14	104.46	0.02
Turks & Calcos Is.	29.10	0.07	50.56	73.79	0.10
Turkey	219.05	0.50	367.89	67.95	0.70
Indonesia	533.71	1.22	825.92	54.75	1.58
Israel	428.02	0.98	634.47	48.23	1.21
Singapore	972.31	2.22	1422.61	46.31	2.72
Sri Lanka	630.89	1.44	920.88	45.96	1.76
Pakistan	144.01	0.33	205.81	42.92	0.39
Nepal	214.46	0.49	297.22	38.59	0.57
Korea Republic of	471.37	1.08	644.66	36.76	1.23
South Africa	352.94	0.81	475.67	34.77	0.91
United Arab Emirates	2491.79	5.69	3313.69	32.98	6.34
Greece	106.53	0.24	139.62	31.06	0.27
Ireland	102.38	0.23	132.10	29.03	0.25
U.S.A.	8513.34	19.43	10855.58	27.51	20.78
Japan	1510.44	3.45	1857.60	22.98	3.56
Australia	418.02	0.95	502.76	20.27	0.96
Spain	677.21	1.55	805.06	18.88	1.54

Netherlands	863.88	1.97	1024.83	18.63	1.96	
Belgium	1390.62	3.17	1648.12	18.52	3.16	
Canada	584.82	1.33	690.69	18.10	1.32	
Denmark	151.86	0.35	178.76	17.72	0.34	
Ukraine	81.05	0.18	93.59	15.48	0.18	
FRG	1788.36	4.08	2060.73	15.23	3.95	
United Kingdom	2160.87	4.93	2472.93	14.44	4.73	
Saudi Arabia	826.43	1.89	940.56	13.81	1.80	
Thailand	633.13	1.44	710.76	12.26	1.36	
Sweden	154.27	0.35	173.06	12.18	0.33	
France	945.00	2.16	1055.23	11.66	2.02	
Italy	1206.53	2.75	1339.68	11.04	2.56	
Norway	54.30	0.12	59.96	10.43	0.11	
Mexico	237.45	0.54	261.70	10.21	0.50	
Bangladesh	1002.18	2.29	1094.57	9.22	2.10	
Portugal	147.84	0.34	161.38	9.15	0.31	
Austria	76.33	0.17	81.31	6.52	0.16	
Hongkong	2366.36	5.40	2444.22	3.29	4.68	
Kazakhstan	45.70	0.10	46.78	2.35	0.09	
Finland	69.75	0.16	70.83	1.56	0.14	

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